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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN REQUEST FOR RESEARCH/TEACHER GRANT

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. CARLOS AGUIRRE, DIRECTOR OF CHACALTAYA COSMIC RAY CENTER OF UNIVERSITY OF SAN ANDRES IN WHICH HE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A RESEARCH/TEACHER GRANT. DR. AGUIRRE IDENTIFIES DR. J. STEVEN HANSEN AS A YOUNG AMERICAN PHYSICIST WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN COSMIC RAY EXPERIMENTS AND WHO WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO PROPOSED PROGRAMS: 1) EXTENSIVE AIR SHOWER ARRAY IN MT. CHACALTAYA WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR THE STUDY OF VERY HIGH ENERGY COSMIC RAYS, THEIR ENERGY SPECTRUM, CHEMICAL COMPOSITION, ORIGIN AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THEIR HIGH ENERGY INTERACTIONS, 2) TO TEACH LAST YEAR'S PHYSICS UNDERGRADUATES AND TO TAKE CARE OF THE BASIC LABORATORIES. SPANISH IS NOT REQUIRED, AT LEAST AT FIRST, IN EITHER OF THESE JOBS.

2. THE UNIVERSITY IS NOT PRESENTLY ABLE TO

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AFFORD AN OFFER TO DR. HANSEN, ACCORDING TO

DR. AGUIRRE, BUT WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
OBTAIN FUNDING TO EXTEND HIS STAY FOR TWO
TO THREE YEARS IF POSSIBLE.

3. DR. HANSEN IS SINGLE, A NATIVE OF UTAH,
AND GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF UTAH AND
UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM, ENGLAND. HE WILL
REPORTEDLY BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO BOLIVIA
IN OCTOBER, 1976. DR. HANSEN'S PRESENT
ADDRESS IS:

DRIPPS HALL SENIOR COMMON ROOM
UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
UNIVERSITY PARK
NOTTINGHAM, ENGLAND NG 7 2 RD

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NSF CONSIDERATION
OF INCLUDING THIS REQUEST UNDER ITS SEED
PROGRAM OR LATIN AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE
PROGRAM. EMBASSY BELIEVES CANDIDATE
SUGGESTED BY DR. AGUIRRE MAY BE A GOOD ONE
BUT ANY OTHER QUALIFIED CANDIDATE NSF MAY
SUGGEST WOULD, WE BELIEVE, ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE.
IN REGARDS TO TIMING, EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS
MEETING REQUEST FOR THIS YEAR BUT IF THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE NSF COMMENTS ON
POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING SUCH A RESEARCH/
TEACHER GRANT NEXT YEAR. DR. AGUIRRE IS WELL
KNOWN TO AMBASSADOR AND MINERALS, PETROLEUM,
AND SCIENCE ATTACHE AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE
EXCELLENT SCIENTIST. WE BELIEVE THIS OPINION
IS SHARED BY HIS PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES IN
OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL.
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